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[Newly formed business alliance promotes Montana's "Indianpreneurs"](#)

By Sue Woodrow

Across Indian Country, efforts to promote, enhance and sustain tribal sovereignty have been steadily gaining ground over the last two decades or so, in tandem with tribal economic development efforts. Until recently, those economic development efforts have largely been in the form of tribal enterprises—businesses owned and operated by tribal governments. Private sector business development and entrepreneurship have generally taken a back seat when tribes plan and implement economic development strategies.

[Tribal vote changes after official count](#)

By The Gazette Staff

A tribal canvass of votes on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation reversed results of a tribal council election and decreased the number of tribal members voting against coalbed methane development. Incumbent tribal councilman Jace Killsback retained his seat representing the Busby District, according to the canvass. Unofficial results election night named Darlene Bement the district's new council member. Killsback won 721 to 704. In unofficial results, Bement led Killsback 737-688. The tribal initiative on developing coalbed methane was defeated 841 to 365. That's 100 fewer votes against development than was reported after the election.

[Bouncing Back: Government policy thins herd, but park bison numbers still up](#)

By MIKE STARK - Of The Gazette Staff

When winter finally ended last year, Yellowstone National Park's famed bison population had nearly 1,000 fewer than when the season started. Of those, 40 were shot in Montana's first bison hunt in almost 15 years, but most were captured and sent to slaughter as part of an ongoing state and federal plan to reduce the risk of brucellosis transmission.

[Indians praise ruling on eagles](#)

By The Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - Saying the federal government pays no more than lip service to respecting the religious beliefs of American Indians, a federal judge in Wyoming has dismissed criminal charges against a Northern Arapaho man who shot a bald eagle last year for use in his tribe's Sun Dance. Lawyers for Indian groups say the order by U.S. District Judge William F. Downes should prompt the federal government to streamline its program of parceling out dead eagles and eagle feathers to Indians.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR - The Indian Law Resource Center, an international human rights advocacy organization based in Helena, Montana, seeks a development director to manage all activities related to the planning, implementation, and evaluation of fund raising for the organization. The person will report to the Executive Director and will work as a member of the senior management team with the staff and Board of Directors to coordinate foundation fund raising and develop new sources of support, including programs for

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GRANT OPPORTUNITIES:

Environmental Protection Agency

Activities that advance methane Recovery and use as a clean energy source

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=11145>

HHS

Department of Health and Human Services

National Institutes of Health

Testing Tobacco Products Promoted to Reduce Harm (R21) Modification 1

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=9102>